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TO ALL PARTIES:

Enclosed please find the recommendation of Administrative Law Judge Scott Hesla. The recommendation has been filed in the form of an Order on:

COPPER BASIN RAILWAY COMPANY (EXTENSION OF TIME DEADLINE IN DECISION NO. 74851)

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OCTOBER 27, 2016 AND OCTOBER 28, 2016

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1 BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION 2 COMMISSIONERS 3 DOUG LITTLE - Chairman BOB STUMP **BOB BURNS** TOM FORESE 5 ANDY TOBIN 6 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF DOCKET NO. RR-02636A-14-0181 PINAL COUNTY FOR APPROVAL TO MODIFY 7 AN EXISTING CROSSING OF THE COPPER DECISION NO. BASIN RAILWAY COMPANY AS PART OF THE PROPOSED KELVIN BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT IN PINAL COUNTY, ARIZONA. ORDER EXTENDING TIME USDOT NO. 742-396E. DEADLINE CONTAINED IN **DECISION NO. 74851** 10 Open Meeting 11 October 27 and 28, 2016 Phoenix, Arizona 12 BY THE COMMISSION: 13 14 Having considered the entire record herein and being fully advised in the premises, the 15 Commission finds, concludes, and orders that: 16 FINDINGS OF FACT 17 1. On June 6, 2014, Pinal County ("County") filed with the Arizona Corporation 18 Commission ("Commission") an application for approval for the Copper Basin Railway Company 19 ("Railroad") to modify an existing at-grade crossing and construct a new grade-separated crossing as 20 part of the Kelvin Bridge Replacement Project near the community of Kearny, Pinal County, 21 Arizona, at USDOT NO. 742-396E. 22 2. On December 18, 2014, the Commission issued Decision No. 74851 which approved 23 the application and ordered, among other things, the Railroad to complete the crossing upgrades 24 within two years of the effective date of that Decision. 25 3. Based on the effective date of Decision No. 74851, the deadline for completing the 26 crossing upgrades is December 18, 2016. 27 28

| 1 | 4. On September 19, 2016, Pinal County filed a Motion to Extend Pinal County's Due | | |
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| 2 | Date in the Order for Decision No. 74851 ("Motion") requesting that the deadline for completing the | | |
| 3 | crossing project be extended until December 18, 2018. According to Pinal County, the crossing | | |
| 4 | project has encountered an environmental clearance problem due to the habitat of the Southwestern | | |
| 5 | Willow Flycatcher. Pinal County represents that it has contacted counsel for the Commission' | | |
| 6 | Safety Division, Railroad Safety Section ("Staff"), and Staff has no objection to the extension | | |
| 7 | request. The Railroad did not file an objection to the extension request. | | |
| 8 | 5. There being no objection, and good cause appearing, Pinal County's request for an | | |
| 9 | extension of time to complete the crossing project is hereby granted. | | |
| 10 | CONCLUSIONS OF LAW | | |
| 11 | 1. The Commission has jurisdiction over the Railroad and over the subject matter of the | | |
| 12 | Motion pursuant to Article XV of the Arizona Constitution and A.R.S. §§ 40-336, 40-337, and 40- | | |
| 13 | 337.01. | | |
| 14 | 2. The requested extension of time to comply with the requirements of Decision No. | | |
| 15 | 74851, as discussed herein, is reasonable and in the public interest. | | |
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1 **ORDER** 2 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the deadline for the Copper Basin Railway Company to 3 complete construction of the crossing project, as required by Decision No. 74851, is hereby extended 4 until December 18, 2018. 5 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Decision shall become effective immediately. 6 BY ORDER OF THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION. 7 8 CHAIRMAN LITTLE COMMISSIONER STUMP 9 10 11 COMMISSIONER FORESE COMMISSIONER TOBIN **COMMISSIONER BURNS** 12 13 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, JODI A. JERICH, Executive Director of the Arizona Corporation Commission, have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the 14 Commission to be affixed at the Capitol, in the City of Phoenix, 15 this ____ day of 16 17 JODI A. JERICH 18 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR** 19 DISSENT _____ 20 21 DISSENT _____ SMH:rt 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 3

DECISION NO.

| 1 | SERVICE LIST FOR: | COPPER BASIN RAILWAY COMPANY | |
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